

Subject: Re: OMG re Dancing Fool

From: Kurt Knecht

Date: 12/13/2016 12:36 PM

To: Estrelita Lane

CC: Betsy Starman <bkstarman@gmail.com>, Antonio Gutierrez <37690@lapd.online>, Blair Besten <blair@historiccore.bid>

Estrelita,

I'm so sorry to hear this. This is horrible. There are two open investigations on Todd regarding an assault and pouring oil on the street.

As described, he is likely in violation of multiple noise ordinances with LAMC 112.01(a) being the most relevant. This would be treated as an infraction. If he is still pouring oil on the street, he is in violation of LAMC 62.79 which would be a misdemeanor. I'm working with SLO Antonio Gutierrez on this issue. In addition, there are ongoing investigations related to his conduct of which Blair Besten from the Historic Core BID has witnessed. We're also following up on a mental health referral with DMH as his conduct has indicated that this may be an issue.

Thank you for your suggestion regarding an abatement. This is being evaluated as a possibility though there are a number of issues regarding its potential feasibility and/or effectiveness.

In the mean time, I'll be working with SLO Gutierrez and LAPD to address the immediate nuisance issue at your location.

For your reference--below are two applicable code sections regarding Todd Winic's conduct that I encourage you to report to LAPD as they occur.

LAMC. 112.01. RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES.

(Amended by Ord. No. 156,363, Eff. 3/29/82.)

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person within any zone of the City to use or operate any radio, musical instrument, phonograph, television receiver, or other machine or device for the producing, reproducing or amplification of the human voice, music, or any other sound, in such a manner, as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbor occupants or any reasonable person residing or working in the area.

SEC. 62.79. OIL – SPILLING ON STREETS.

No person shall pour, spill, or permit to drip from any tank vehicle, upon any asphalt or bituminous pavement laid upon any street, any oil, petroleum kerosene, benzene or other similar oil or oily substance or liquid.

On Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 3:15 PM, Estrelita Lane <littlestar1065@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Kurt, this is Estrelita Lane, Betsy's crazy sounding friend. I am at my wit's end today because of my lack of sleep which is solely due to Todd right now.

I have had conversations with Todd in the past (about a year ago he used to dance right under my window. At that time, he told me he could not dance in his own neighborhood where he lived because they had some type of restraining order against him to prevent him from dancing there!) I understand you know his full name, can you run his record, look up that restraining order. Can't we get the same thing?

He was gone for a long while, at least from my neck of the woods which is Spring and 6th. I live in the Hayward.

I also have an idea. Many years ago, I worked for the City Attorney's office in the Nuisance Abatement Unit in the Westside location under Mary Clare. Although the unit's focus was gang and landlord related issues, it was all based on

the very broad category of nuisance.

It dawned on me, that as an individual I have no power to get a restraining order (unless he threatens me, which he has not done) but the City does have the power under the nuisance abatement laws because Todd is most definitely a nuisance in several ways; by blasting his radio and by his ranting and the safety issues (by coating the sidewalk and street with oil.

I understand that the oil issue has been looked at but radio and ranting are really the bigger issues because they are what have been disturbing the peace on a continuing basis.

I will say this to close, Todd has been at Spring Street (east side) just south of 6th in front of the mural for the past 8 nights in a row!!! I have called the shirts every night.... unfortunately I deleted my log, but from now on, I will keep a notebook of all activity. Point is, it's not like Todd comes here once in awhile. He is here all night for days and days.

I beg of you to help. I look forward to speaking with you about this at your convenience. My phone number is [\(310\) 902-8481](tel:3109028481).

Estrelita Lane

On Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 2:26 PM Betsy Starman <bkstarman@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Kurt,

Just a head's up, I gave my friend Estrelita Lane your email address. It's about Todd. I'm forwarding you her email to me about Todd. She's a good person trying to live life and she and I were wondering about how to get a restraining order. I think his family did it. Can't we. I mean 'we' the city of Los Angeles and all of us that have to put up with him.

Thanks for everything. Estrelita will be reaching out. Below is her email about Todd.

Thanks,

Betsy

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From: **Estrelita Lane** <littlestar1065@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 2:23 AM

Subject: OMG re Dancing Fool

To: Betsy Starman <bkstarman@gmail.com>

So, as usual, 2:00 a.m. and I had to call the shirts re the Dancing FOol. But OMG shit went down, but I'm sitting on my hands right now so I don't go out there.

I'm sitting in my window smoking yelling out the window at the dancing fool before the shirt shows up. It's been several weeks of this crap, and seriously 7 or 8 days in a row of me not sleeping so I'm really loopy and really cranky. The shirt shows up and Todd flips out!!!

Todd starts yelling at him about how he is just living his life and trying to get his life together, blah blah. OMG is that making me angry. I'm about to fly out the window to get in Todd's face. Even Lola reacted... she started barking. I started to get dressed to go down there. But I sat down and started typing this instead. Lola literally took a paw and tapped me, I looked at her and I could hear her telling me to calm down.

My sweet little Lola. I'm sorry for this email, but I had to talk to someone, and of course, you are the only person that would understand this. I am sooo sooo angry and I'm so tired. I'm even angrier than ever at the city now

Live Work Play LA my ass. They wanted people to come downtown, well, here we are, now fix this shit!!!

I did get your email about calling the SLO tomorrow, so yes, I can tell him my idea to get in touch with the nuisance abatement unit, and we can work with them to make a case against Todd. They can definitely do this, it's a matter of getting them to do it. It's not exactly what they do, but someone has to do something. THis is is literally, making me sick.

I honestly have only slept now, about 5 hours in 7 days. I don't sleep well as it is becuase of my illness, but it's been so bad this week because of Todd. He's not stupid, he's just so fucked up. I sleep walk when I'm like this, and I'm afraid I might sleep walk into doing something illegal all over Todd. ha ha... not so funny.

Ill see at the meeting. I have a restaurant in mind too. I have the menu, so I'm bringing it with me for you to look at.

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